

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 2-20 are pending in the application, with claims 2, 8 and 14 being the independent claims. Claim 1 is sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 2-20 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Double Patenting

Claim 1 has been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 6 of U.S. Patent No. 5,737,624. By the foregoing amendment, Applicants have canceled claim 1, thus rendering this rejection moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,448,705 to Nguyen *et al.* By the foregoing amendments, Applicants have canceled

claim 1, thus rendering this rejection moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

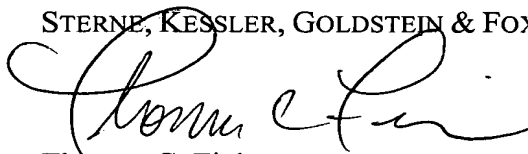
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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